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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

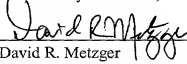
**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" insert the following:

**--RELATED APPLICATION DATA**

The present and foregoing application claim priority to Japanese Application No. P2000-157116 filed May 26, 2000 and Japanese Patent Application No. P2000-200368 filed June 30, 2000. All of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted,

  
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